

AN ORDINANCE BY

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INCREASE IN PERMIT FEES TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF SEWER LINES, WATER LINES, AND WATER METERS, BY QUALIFIED PRIVATE CONTRACTORS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 138, SECTION 138-65 AND APPENDIX B OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has reviewed the fee structure for the issuance of permits for the installation of sewer lines, water lines, and water meters by qualified private contractors; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has determined that the present amounts charged for the issuance of said permits do not reflect the actual cost to the Department for the issuance of said permits; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of such permits to qualified private contractors requires application and engineering review involving the Department of Public Works staff; and

WHEREAS, the current fee associated with the issuance of said permits is between \$10.00 and \$80.00 and does not reflect the actual costs incurred by the City of Atlanta engineering and administrative staff.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:

Section 1: That Section 138-65 (a) (2) which currently reads as follows:

(2) *Construction permits* --Persons desiring to conduct excavation work in the streets or public rights-of-way including, but not limited to, any street cuts boring activity and the placement or removal of conduits, manholes, cable, shall apply for a construction permit. Such permits shall be issued for a fee of \$200.00 per permit. The permit fee shall include one hour of inspection by a department of public work's inspector upon the completion construction activity. In addition, the city may charge an inspection fee of \$50.00 per hour. However, where the Georgia Department of Transportation has primary permitting authority over a particular construction activity, the permittee may show a copy of the GDOT permit upon application for a city permit and the city permit fee and inspection fees shall be waived for that permit. To the extent that a person pays or remits payment to the city pursuant to section 138-127(h)(1). Such payment shall be in lieu of permit fees and inspection fees.

Is hereby amended as follows:

(2) *Construction permits*

a. Persons desiring to conduct excavation work in the streets or public rights-of-way for the purpose of sewer installation, water line installation, and water meter installation shall apply for a construction permit. Such permits shall be issued for a fee of \$85.00 per permit.

b. Persons desiring to conduct excavation work in the streets or public rights-of-way including, but not limited to, any street cuts boring activity and the placement or removal of conduits, manholes, cable, shall apply for a construction permit. Such permits shall be issued for a fee of \$200.00 per permit.

The permit fees set out above shall include one hour of inspection by a department of public work's inspector upon the completion construction activity. In addition, the city may charge an inspection fee of \$50.00 per hour. However, where the Georgia Department of Transportation has primary permitting authority over a particular construction activity, the permittee may show a copy of the GDOT permit upon application for a city permit and the city permit fee and inspection fees shall be waived for that permit. With respect to subsection (2) b. immediately above, to the extent that a person pays or remits payment to the city pursuant to section 138-127(h)(1). Such payment shall be in lieu of permit fees and inspection fees.

Section 2: That Appendix B: Fees, shall be revised, as necessary, to reflect the imposition of fees in accordance with Section 1 above.

Section 3: Said fees shall become effective immediately upon the passage of this Ordinance.

Section 4: That all existing ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be waived for the purposes of this Ordinance only, and only to the extent of the conflict.

Part II: Legislative White Paper: (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:

Committee of Purview:

Caption:

Council Meeting Date:

Requesting Dept.:

FAC Confirmed by:

B. To be completed by the department:

1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).

Example: The purpose of this legislation is to anticipate funds from a local assistance grant to purchase child safety seats.

The purpose of this legislation is to amend code of ordinances Chapter 138, Section 138-65 and appendix B to increase the cost of permit fees that allow the installation of sewer lines, water lines and water meters by private contractors.

2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.

Example: The task force of homelessness conducted a study regarding homelessness, its impact and consequences on the City. This resolution reflects the Mayor's desire to open a twenty-four hour center that will respond to the needs of the homelessness in Atlanta.

The current fee structure for the installation of sewer lines, water lines and water meters by private contractors do not reflect the actual cost to the department for the issuance of permits. The issuance of such permits requires applications and engineering review by DPW . The current fee for said permits does not reflect the actual costs incurred by DPW staff.

3. If Applicable/Known:

- (a) Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc):
- (b) Source Selection:
- (c) Bids/Proposals Due:
- (d) Invitations Issued:
- (e) Number of Bids:
- (f) Proposals Received:
- (g) Bidders/Proponents:
- (h) Term of Contract:

4. Fund Account Center (*Ex. Name and number*):

Fund: _____ Account: _____ Center: _____

5. Source of Funds: *Example: Local Assistance Grant*

6. Fiscal Impact:

Example: This legislation will result in a reduction in the amount of _____ to Fund Account Center Number _____.

7. Method of Cost Recovery:

Examples:

- a. *Revenues generated from the permits required under this legislation will be used to fund the personnel needed to carry out the permitting process.*
- b. *Money obtained from a local assistance grant will be used to cover the costs of this Summer Food Program.*

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TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Dept.'s Legislative Liaison: Soraya Belgrave

Contact Number: 6002

Originating Department: Public Works

Committee(s) of Purview: Finance Executive

Chief of Staff Deadline: 4/30/08

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): May 13-14, 2008

Anticipated Full Council Date: May 19, 2008

Legislative Counsel's Signature: Saul Schultz

Commissioner Signature: [Signature]

Chief Procurement Officer Signature: _____

CAPTION

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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any) N/A

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by CPO: _____ Received by LC from CPO: _____
(date) (date)

Received by Mayor's Office: Amc 5/1/08 Reviewed by: [Signature]
(date) (date)

Submitted to Council: _____
(date)